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## PROVIDER NOTICE 03-08

**TO:** Durable Medical Equipment Providers

**SUBJECT:** Coverage of Motorized/Power Wheelchair

Effective June 20, 2003, motorized/power wheelchairs are a covered benefit for Medicaid-eligible patients age 21 and over who meet established eligibility and medical criteria. To qualify for a motorized/power wheelchair, the patient must meet current manual wheelchair criteria under Medicaid requirements and the additional requirements outlined within the Alabama Medicaid Agency Administrative Code Rule 560-X-13-.17. The criteria for motorized/power wheelchairs can be located on the Alabama Medicaid Agency's website at [www.medicaid.state.al.us](http://www.medicaid.state.al.us).

The following are important dates to remember:

- The emergency rule authorizing coverage was effective June 20, 2003.
- The proposed permanent rule will be published July 31, 2003. Public comments may be received after that date.
- The deadline for receipt of public comments is September 4, 2003.
- The Agency plans to adopt a permanent rule by September 11, 2003, which would make the effective date for the permanent rule October 16, 2003.

If you have any questions, you may contact Marilyn Ferguson, Director, Long Term Care Division, at (334) 242-5009 or e-mail: [mferguson@medicaid.state.al.us](mailto:mferguson@medicaid.state.al.us).

Mike Lewis, Acting Commissioner

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